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SUBJECT: OUTER SPACE LEGAL - REGISTRATION TREATY

DURING THE 4 APR PM MTG OF THE OUTER SPACE LEGAL
SUBCOMMITTEE'S REGISTRATION WORKING GROUP, CANADIAN
REP MILLER INFORMALLY CIRCULATED THE FOL ARTICLES AS
EXAMPLES OF WHAT THE US, USSR, CANADA AND FRENCH DELS
IN THEIR RECENT DISCUSSIONS CONSIDER MIGHT APPROPRIATELY
BE INCLUDED IN A REGISTRATION TREATY. HE INDICATED
THAT THIS TEXT IS NOT CONSIDERED AS HAVING BEEN APPROVED
BY THE FOUR DELS, MUCH LESS BY THEIR GOVERNMENTS, BUT
IT REPRESENTS THE TREND OF DISCUSSIONS WHICH THE FOUR
HAVE HELD THIS WEEK.

" DRAFT CONVENTION ON REGISTRATION
OF OBJECTS LAUNCHED INTO
OUTER SPACE
FOR THE EXPLORATION OR USE OF
OUTER SPACE

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ARTICLE I

FOR THE PURPOSE OF THIS CONVENTION:

(A) THE TERM 'LAUNCHING STATE' MEANS:

- (I) A STATE WHICH LAUNCHES OR PROCURES THE LAUNCHING OF A SPACE OBJECT;
- (II) A STATE FROM WHOSE TERRITORY OR FACILITY A SPACE OBJECT IS LAUNCHED.

(B) THE TERM 'SPACE OBJECT' INCLUDES COMPONENT PARTS OF A SPACE OBPLES GOVERNING

THE ACTIVITIES OF STATES IN THE EXPLORATION AND USE OF OUTER SPACE, INCLUDING THE MOON AND OTHER CELESTIAL BODIES.

2. STATES MEMBERS OF ANY SUCH ORGANIZATION WHICH ARE STATES PARTIES TO THIS CONVENTION SHALL TAKE ALL APPROPRIATE STEPS TO ENSURE THAT THE ORGANIZATION MAKES A DECLARATION IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PRECEDING PARAGRAPH.

ARTICLE VII

1. THIS CONVENTION SHALL BE OPEN TO ALL STATES FOR SIGNATURE. ANY STATE WHICH DOES NOT SIGN THIS CONVENTION BEFORE ITS ENTRY INTO FORCE IN ACCORDANCE WITH PARAGRAPH 3 OF THIS ARTICLE MAY ACCEDE TO IT AT ANY TIME.

2. THIS CONVENTION SHALL BE SUBJECT TO RATIFICATION BY SIGNATORY STATES. INSTRUMENTS OF RATIFICATION AND INSTRUMENTS OF ACCESSION SHALL BE DEPOSITED WITH -----, WHICH ARE HEREBY DESIGNATED THE DEPOSITARY GOVERNMENTS.

3. THIS CONVENTION SHALL ENTER INTO FORCE ON THE DEPOSIT OF THE FIFTH INSTRUMENT OF RATIFICATION.

4. FOR STATES WHOSE INSTRUMENTS OF RATIFICATION OR ACCESSION ARE DEPOSITED SUBSEQUENT TO THE ENTRY INTO FORCE OF THIS CONVENTION, IT SHALL ENTER INTO FORCE ON THE DATE OF THE DEPOSIT OF THEIR INSTRUMENTS OF RATIFICATION OR ACCESSION.

5. THE DEPOSITARY GOVERNMENTS SHALL PROMPTLY INFORM ALL SIGNATORY AND ACCEDING STATES OF THE DATE OF EACH SIGNATURE, THE DATE OF DEPOSIT OF EACH INSTRUMENT OF RATIFICATION OF AND ACCESSION TO THIS CONVENTION, THE DATE OF ITS ENTRY INTO FORCE AND OTHER NOTICES.

6. THIS CONVENTION SHALL BE REGISTERED BY THE DEPOSITARY GOVERNMENTS PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 102 OF THE CHARTER OF THE UNITED NATIONS.

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ARTICLE VIII

ANY STATE PARTY TO THIS CONVENTION MAY PROPOSE AMENDMENTS TO THIS CONVENTION. AMENDMENTS SHALL ENTER INTO FORCE FOR EACH STATE PARTY TO THE CONVENTION ACCEPTING THE AMENDMENTS UPON THEIR ACCEPTANCE BY A MAJORITY OF THE STATES PARTIES TO THE CONVENTION AND THEREAFTER FOR EACH REMAINING STATE PARTY TO THE CONVENTION ON THE DATE OF ACCEPTANCE BY IT.

ARTICLE IX

ANY STATE PARTY TO THIS CONVENTION MAY GIVE NOTICE OF ITS WITHDRAWAL FROM THE CONVENTION ONE YEAR AFTER ITS ENTRY INTO FORCE BY WRITTEN NOTIFICATION TO THE DEPOSITARY GOVERNMENTS. SUCH WITHDRAWAL SHALL TAKE EFFECT ONE YEAR FROM THE DATE OF RECEIPT OF THIS NOTIFICATION.

ARTICLE X

THIS CONVENTION, OF WHICH THE CHINESE, ENGLISH, FRENCH, RUSSIAN AND SPANISH TEXTS ARE EQUALLY AUTHENTIC, SHALL BE DEPOSITED IN THE ARCHIVES OF THE DEPOSITARY GOVERNMENTS. DULY CERTIFIED COPIES OF THIS CONVENTION SHALL BE TRANSMITTED BY THE DEPOSITARY GOVERNMENTS TO THE GOVERNMENTS OF THE SIGNATORY AND ACCEDING STATES.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF THE UNDERSIGNED, DULY AUTHORIZED, HAVE SIGNED THIS CONVENTION.

DONE IN -----, AT THE CITIES OF -----,
THIS ---- DAY OF -----, ONE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED
AND SEVENTY- -----."
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ARTICLE V

STATES PARTIES TO THIS CONVENTION, INCLUDING IN PARTICULAR STATES POSSESSING SPACE MONITORING AND TRACKING FACILITIES, SHALL RESPOND TO THE GREATEST EXTENT FEASIBLE TO REQUESTS BY ANY OTHER STATE PARTY TO THIS CONVENTION, OR BY THE SECRETARY- GENERAL ON THEIR BEHALF, FOR ASSISTANCE IN ADDITION TO THE INFORMATION SUPPLIED PURSUANT TO ARTICLE III IN THE IDENTIFICATION OF A PARTICULAR SPACE OBJECT WHICH HAS CAUSED DAMAGE FOR THE PURPOSE OF FACILITATING THE SETTLEMENT OF CLAIMS FOR SUCH DAMAGE. STATE PARTIES MAKING SUCH REQUESTS SHALL, TO THE EXTENT PRACTICABLE, SUBMIT INFORMATION AS TO THE TIME, NATURE AND CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE EVENTS GIVING RISE TO THE DAMAGE.

ARTICLE VI

1. WITH THE EXCEPTION OF ARTICLES VII THROUGH X OF THIS CONVENTION, REFERENCES TO STATES SHALL BE DEEMED TO APPLY TO ANY INTERNATIONAL INTERGOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATION WHICH CONDUCTS SPACE ACTIVITIES IF THE ORGANIZATION
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DECLARES ITS ACCEPTANCE OF THE RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS PROVIDED FOR IN THIS CONVENTION AND IF A MAJORITY OF THE STATES MEMBERS OF THE ORGANIZATION ARE STATES PARTIES TO THIS CONVENTION AND TO THE TREATY ON PRINCIPLES OF THE SOUTHERN FLANK. RUMSFELD

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